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## **FIDE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CERTAIN TITLE APPLICATIONS**

After the recent publishing of an open letter, written by several players who have participated in tournaments organized in Alushta, Ukraine, FIDE would like to clarify that the award of titles based on results from Alushta tournaments has been postponed until the FIDE Congress in Dresden, 21-23 August 2005.

This was the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board in Doha, 14-15 May 2005, after some initial doubts concerning the Alushta tournaments were raised by the Chairman of the FIDE Qualification Committee, Mr Mikko Markkula and of course after the well known case of the fake tournament in Slavoutich, Ukraine.

The FIDE Presidential Board authorized the board member Mr Khalifa Al Khitmi to co-operate with Mr Markkula and further investigate this case before the award of any titles based on results from the Alushta events. Their report shall be submitted to the forthcoming FIDE Congress in Dresden, where final decisions would be made and announced by FIDE.

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